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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN WHEAT NEEDS FOR 1977 AND POSSIBLE LOWER UMR

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1014 (B) STATE 21288 (NOTAL)

(C) CAIRO 1061 (D) EC BRUSSELS 1370 (NOTAL)

1. EC COMMISSION FOOD AID OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT THE EC HAS ABOUT 40 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (\$44 MILLION) IN 1977 FOOD AID RESERVE FUNDS. THESE FUNDS COULD POSSIBLY BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL CEREAL FOOD AID FOR EGYPT. THESE FUNDS COULD PURCHASE ABOUT 150,000 MT OF WHEAT IN ADDITION TO THE 100,000 MT ALREADY ALLOCATED TO EGYPT FOR THIS YEAR. (SEE REF D).

2. THE EC, HOWEVER, IS HAVING DIFFICULTY JUSTIFYING EGYPTIAN NEEDS FOR THIS POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO COMPLETE AN ANALYSIS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS OF THE GOE'S UNCOVERED WHEAT IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CY-1977. THIS ANALYSIS WOULD ENABLE THE
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COMMISSION TO JUSTIFY ADDITIONAL AID TO THE MARCH 22 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING. EC OFFICIALS ASK IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD PLEASE URGENTLY SEND THEM INFORMATION REGARDING US COMMERCIAL AND FOOD AID SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT FOR CY-1977.

3. THE EC HAS ALSO ASKED THE FAO ON AN URGENT BASIS TO

ESTIMATE EGYPT'S TOTAL CEREAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CY-1977. IT HAS RECEIVED TENTATIVE DATA FOR 1976/77, WHICH ENDS JUNE 1977, INDICATING TOTAL GOE WHEAT IMPORTS IN MILLION MTS AS FOLLOWS: COMMERCIAL, 2.5; FOOD AID, 1.6; AND TOTAL, 4.1. US WHEAT SHIPMENTS ARE BROKEN DOWN AS COMMERCIAL, 720,000 MT; AND FOOD AID, 512,000 MT, FOR A TOTAL OF ABOUT 1.2 MILLION TONS. IN ADDITION, THE US IS LISTED AS SHIPPING COARSE GRAINS AMOUNTING TO 407,000 MT.

4. OFFICIALS IN DG-8 ARE SYMPATHETIC TOWARD THE POSSIBILITY OF LOWERING THE EGYPTIAN UMR STR THE 1977/78 PERIOD. COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN DG-6 INFORM US THAT THEY HAVE PRESENTLY CALCULATED A UMR FOR THIS PERIOD OF 2.8 MILLION MT'S OF GRAIN EQUIVALENT. THIS FIGURE IS HIGHER THAN THE ONE IN REF C BECAUSE OF DISCREPANCIES IN IWC DATA ON IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE YEARS 1972/73, 1973/74 AND 1974/75 AS REPORTED IN REF B. COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER A GOE REQUEST TO LOWER FY-78 UMR BECAUSE OF EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. THESE OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT THE GOE SUBMIT ITS CASE TO THE CSD AND DIRECTLY TO THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES CONCERNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING US ESTIMATES OF ITS COMMERCIAL AND FOOD AID CEREAL SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT FOR CY-1977. HINTON

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